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K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Firstly, Sir, I am not as much anxious about the interests of Bengal as those of our province. Secondly, if it was unfit for human consumption, it must have been so in any part of the world."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know on what basis the requirements of this province have been arrived at and the exportable surplus determined by the Government?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am not aware of the conditions at the time the ghee was exported. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall answer."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Have the Government any information about the partners of the companies that applied for special permits for export of deteriorated ghee to Bengal?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There is nothing on record."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Who classified the ghee as ' deteriorated ', as it might have been so classified to get permits for export?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It should have deteriorated because it has not been possible to market it."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member wants to know who marked it as deteriorated."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is marked in my file." (Laughter.)

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Ghee of good quality might have been labelled as deteriorated to get permits."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is left to the hon. Member to draw whatever inference he likes."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN SAHIB :—" What is the definition of ' deteriorated ghee '?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" As a medical man, the hon. Member should know it better than I do."

Post-war Reconstruction Schemes.

* 5 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the Post-War Reconstruction Schemes of the Government are in respect of which grants have been allotted by the Government of India ;

(*b*) what is the amount involved in each of the scheme in (*a*) and what is the nature and quantum of assistance promised in respect of each scheme by the Government of India ;

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(c) whether there has been deviation in any of the schemes prepared by the Post-War Reconstruction Committee and approved by the Government;

(d) whether the Government of India have been apprised of the deviations if any and whether their approval has been obtained;

(e) whether any change has been effected in priorities in any of the approved Post-War Reconstruction Schemes and if so, what the reasons are for making the changes; and

(f) whether the Government would place a consolidated statement on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" (a) & (b) Two lists * are laid on the table of the House. List (A) shows Post-War schemes (with their cost) that were executed during 1945–6 and 1946–7 in advance of the Post-War quinquennium commencing on 1st April 1947 and list (B) shows Post-War schemes tentatively proposed for execution during 1947–8 and their cost.

The nature and the quantum of assistance, i.e., grants sanctioned by the Government of India are described in the explanatory note appended to the statement.

" (c) Yes. Some schemes originally included in the Post-War Reconstruction plan were omitted and a few schemes were newly added. There have also been variations of detail in some schemes.

" (d) The Government of India have been informed of the major variations such as:

(i) variations which involve changes in policy;

(ii) alterations in the nature of schemes; and

(iii) any considerable variation in the extent of application of a scheme and consequently in its cost. Their prior approval to the variations is not necessary.

" (e) Yes. The reasons for making changes in the priorities of approved Post-War schemes are as follows:—

(i) On account of the earlier termination of the war, certain schemes which are productive or self-financing or which though not self-financing, are of economic importance were taken up for execution in advance of the Post-War quinquennium on the suggestion of the Government of India with the special object of counteracting deflation and unemployment.

(ii) The programme of Post-War Development for 1947–8 has been drawn up with reference to the following principles:—

(a) Schemes which would more or less pay for themselves and which would go to increase the wealth of the Province and bring in additional revenue should be given priority over social service schemes if both could not be carried out; and

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(b) High priority should be given to measures for increasing the food resources of the country and in particular to measures designed to increase the out-put per acre and diminish dependance on the vagaries of nature.

" (f) Please see answer to clauses (a) & (b)."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know why no amount has been allotted for the development of Rayalseema districts? "

THE HON. SRI M. BAKTHAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice of that question."

Pay of the Superintendent of the Cash and Current section of the Legislature Secretariat.

* 6 Q.—ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR: With reference to the answer to supplementary question to starred question No. 421, answered in the Assembly on 26th March 1947 will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the difference in the pay of the Assistant Superintendents mentioned in clause (a) of the answer and the reasons why such decision was arrived at, have been since looked into;

(b) whether it is proposed to equalize the pay of the Superintendent of the Cash and Current Section with those of the Assistant Superintendents, and if so, when; and if not, why not;

(c) why the maximum for this post as revised is lower than the figure before revision; and

(d) whether there is any other post the maximum salary of which has been reduced as a result of revision like this?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (a) to (c) The Government have looked into the matter. The revised scale is based on the recommendations of the Cabinet Salaries Committee which took all relevant factors in coming to its decision, viz., duties, qualifications, etc. The Government do not consider it necessary to equalise the pay of the Superintendent, Cash and Current section, in the Legislature Secretariat with that of Assistant Superintendents in the Secretariat.

" (d) There are a very few cases in which the maximum has been lowered in the recent revision and this is due to the fact that the existing scales were found unsuitable on a consideration of the duties, qualifications, etc. It is not obligatory on the existing incumbents to change over to the revised scales and they will not be adversely affected."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" If the scales of pay of superintendents, clerks, typists, attenders and members of the inferior service in the Legislature Secretariat are identical with those of similar posts in the Secretariat, why should